

	<h1 style="text-align: center;">Elephant FIRE UPDATE</h1> <p style="text-align: center;">Fire Information: (540) 525-1539</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>USDA Forest Service George Washington & Jefferson National Forests Glenwood & Pedlar Ranger Districts</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday, April 15, 2013 6:00 p.m.</p>
Overview	The Elephant Fire is located on Elephant Mountain, just east of Buena Vista, Virginia.	
Estimated Acreage	Approximately 250 acres	
Containment	33% contained.	
Fire Cause	The Elephant Fire was initially reported at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 14, 2013. The cause of the fire is under investigation	
Resources on the Fire	Approximately 140 firefighters and support staff, including two Type 1 Hotshot Crews, one Type 2 Initial Attack Crew, two dozers, five engines, and a helicopter are assisting with the Elephant Fire.	
Closures	No closures at this time	
Cooperators	Virginia Department of Forestry, U.S. Park Service, Buena Vista Fire Department	
Fire Weather	<p>Monday evening weather: Cloudy with a chance of rain or drizzle. Minimum temperature, 53 degrees. Humidity, 70%. Winds out of the southeast at 5 – 10 mph.</p> <p>Tuesday weather: Patchy morning drizzle is possible. Considerable clouds early. Decrease in clouds later in the day. High, 78 degrees. Minimum humidity, 61%. Winds out of the south at 10 – 15 mph.</p> <p>Tuesday evening weather: Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Low, 58 degrees. Winds, out of the south at 5 – 10 mph.</p>	
General Fire Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety of the public and firefighters is always the number one priority when dealing with wildfires. • Firefighters will continue containment efforts on the south and the east sides of Elephant Mountain. • Over one mile of dozer line was completed on the west end of the fire to protect approximately 30 homes. No structures have been lost or damaged. • Smoke from the Elephant Fire may continue to be visible in Buena Vista and surrounding areas for several days. • Plans are in place for future rehabilitation of firelines. • Homeowners can learn how to make their homes less susceptible to wildfires by visiting: www.firewise.org. 	

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